

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

JOHN 15:13

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 9, 2021



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc. Excerpts from the *Lectioary for Mass* © 2008, 1998, 1997, 1986, 1976, C.C.D. All rights reserved. Photo: jcpjr/Adobe Stock.

## LOVE IS REAL

Love. Songs and books, plays and artistic masterpieces have been created to convey the truth that love is real. As Christians, we know that love is of God. In laying down his life, Jesus pours out God's selfless, sacrificial, undying love. Jesus opens the door to a new relationship between God and humanity, that of friendship, of intimate closeness. Jesus calls us to show this same love for others, knowing that in doing so, we fulfill God's will. As the account of Peter, Cornelius, and all in his household attests, this great love of God cannot be contained by our preconceived notions of the way things are in the world.

## THE CALL AND CAUSE OF LOVE

Love calls and causes us to do great things, more than we might believe we are capable of. While some are called to give their lives as martyrs, most of us find ourselves called to lay down our lives in smaller ways in the midst of everyday life. Parents lose sleep in the early moments of their baby's life, and again as their teens mature and gain independence. Adult children change their plans to care for aging parents. We hear the call of love as we become attentive and respond to the needs of the poor, lonely, sick, and vulnerable. Love causes us to turn our lives around, to strive to become more Christ-like in our words and actions. Peter followed this call of love when he entered the house of Cornelius, a Gentile. He was likely as astounded at the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as were the believers who accompanied him, yet love caused Peter to see beyond the accepted boundaries of religion and race, seeing instead evidence of the Lord's great love at work.

## THE JOY-FILLED WAY OF LOVE

Following the Lord calls us to sacrifice for the sake of others, giving our attention, time, and resources in order to share Christ's care and compassion. Jesus shows us that giving of self, pouring ourselves out in love for another, is a joy-filled way of life. Joy is more than a feeling and is deeper than happiness. Joy comes with the assurance that Christ is with us when our lives mirror the life and way of our Master. Joy is a sense of fulfillment in knowing and sharing Christ's love. When we reach out in love, Christ's joy fills our hearts. Strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit, we find the grace to follow Jesus' command to love one another.

### *SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES*

Sun: Mother's Day  
Mon: St. Damien de Veuster; St. John De Avila  
Wed: Saints. Nereus & Achilleus; St. Pancras  
Thurs: Ascension of the Lord;  
Our Lady of Fatima  
Fri: St. Matthias, Apostle  
Sat: St. Isidore; Armed Forces Day



# Immaculate Conception Parish

## Immaculate Conception Church & St. Joseph Church

*Pastor: Rev. James J. Ward • Deacon: Mr. Jack Mroz*

Immaculate Conception Rectory: 570-325-2791 • [iccjt@ptd.net](mailto:iccjt@ptd.net) • [www.iccjimthorpe.org](http://www.iccjimthorpe.org)  
 St. Joseph Rectory: 570-325-3731 • [stjosjt@ptd.net](mailto:stjosjt@ptd.net) • [www.saintjosephchurch-jimthorpe.org](http://www.saintjosephchurch-jimthorpe.org)  
*St. Joseph Church side entrance is open daily for private prayer*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Tues. & Thurs. after 8 a.m. Mass @ SJC; Wednesdays, 6:30pm @ ICC

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: Wendy S. Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC [Direct](mailto:Direct) Phone: 800-791-9209; Diocesan Secretary for Youth Protection: Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS Phone: 610-871-5200, Ext. 2204; If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service [ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.

### Sixth Sunday of Easter



**Sat. May 8**

4:30 pm (ICC) **James & Catherine Creedon** (Family) /  
**Mary Alice Jacobs** (Leo & Jane O'Donnell)

**Sun. May 9**

9:00 am (SJC) **All Mother's Living & Deceased / All Parishioners, Living & Deceased**

**Mon. May 10**

8:00 am (ICC) **Michael Dominic** (Giantesano Family) / **Jack Sponsler** (Bob & Lisa Schaninger)

**Tues. May 11**

8:00 am (SJC) **Msgr. Joseph Dooley** (John & Sandra Nonnemacher) /  
**Al "Butch" Heaney** (Michael Martino Family)  
 9:00 am (SJC) *Adoration; Rosary & Benediction at 5:30pm*

**Wed. May 12** ~ **Ascension Thursday, Vigil**

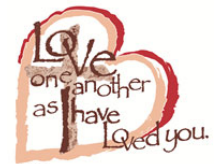
7:00 pm (ICC) **Harriet Lennon** (Joe & Jill Hydro) / **Bill McElmoyle** (Regina & Jeannie Klein)

**Thurs. May 13** ~ **Ascension Thursday**

8:00 am (SJC) **Rita Shanfelt** (Shanfelt Family) / **In Thanksgiving to Virgin Mary** (Gedeon Family)

**Fri. May 14**

8:00 am (ICC) **Rosemary Brown** (Peggy Sue, Dub, & Michael) /  
**C. Virginia Llewellyn** (Hugh & Fran Dugan)



### Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Sat. May 15**

9:00 am (SJC) *Rosary for Life*  
 4:30 pm (ICC) **Gerald Rothermel** (Tom & Eva Seibert) / **George Wilhelm** (Aunt Pat & Family)

**Sun. May 16**

9:00 am (SJC) **John Fitzgerald** (Jack & Rita Mroz) / **Michael Hydro, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.** (Irene)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM ~ THE LORD HAS REVEALED TO THE NATIONS HIS SAVING POWER.**

#### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNED LAST WEEK in Loving Memory of *William J. McArdle on our Anniversary* (By, wife-Kay)  
 BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE burns for Special Intention for *Susan Schatz* (From, Sue & Anne)  
 BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE burns for Special Intention for *Susan Schatz* (From, Sue & Anne)

#### ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

SANCTUARY: In Loving Memory of *Kay Bimler* (Req. by Maryanne & Ronnie)  
 OUR LADY OF FATIMA: In Loving Memory of *Joseph & Rita (Schwartz) Boyle - 75<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary* (Req. by Maryanne & Ronnie Hydro)  
 SAINT RITA: In Loving Memory of *Rita (Boyle) Huggler* (Req. by Maryanne & Ronnie)  
 HOLY FAMILY: In Loving Memory of *Paul & Dorothy Kattner* (Req. by Family)

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP:** Easter: \$13,911.00  
*Thank you for your continued support & generosity.*

**VIGIL MASS** There will be a Vigil Mass for Ascension Thursday on Wed. May 12, 7:00pm at ICC. Confessions will be held at 6:30pm.

**REST IN PEACE:** Kindly pray for the soul of **Mary Knorr**. Please remember her and her loved ones in your prayers. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**WE WELCOME Cameron James Ciabattari & Carson Andrew Ciabattari**, sons of M/M John & Jamie (Clemson) Ciabattari, who were baptized into our Parish community. Please pray for them, and their family, as they begin their faith journey in Christ.



**MEMORIAL FUND:** We would like to acknowledge donations made **In Memory of Emma Marzen**, from Gloria Kehrli, Mike & Mary Marzen, Jean Engler, Bill & Kitty Malatak, Ceil & Frank Sebelin, Maryanne & Ronnie Hydro, John Milan, Joe Milan, Stanley & Barbara Swierczek, Susan Phillips.

**FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION VISITS:** The Diocese has lifted restrictions on visiting homebound parishioners. We are updating our lists for Fr. Ward and our Eucharistic Ministers to bring Communion to the homebound. If you, or a family member, are not able to attend Mass and would like Fr. Ward or a Eucharistic



**Communion for the Homebound**

Minister to bring Communion, please call the ICC Rectory at 570-325-2791.

**ADORATION @ SJC:** Tuesday, May 11, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 9am (except when there is a funeral Mass and then it will start after the Mass). Adoration will conclude with Rosary and Benediction at 5:30pm. Time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is a tremendous blessing!

**REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES WHO SERVED:** On Memorial Day weekend Immaculate Conception will be honoring those who served. If any parishioners have pictures of loved ones who served in the Armed Services you may drop them at the Rectory office or give them to Judy, to be part of the Memorial Weekend Mass.



**THE NEXT GARAGE SALE** will be Saturday, May 22 from 9am-1pm. New items are arriving daily! Some items for sale include: Bow Flex Tread Climber, Curio Cabinet, Circular wash line, Double bed head & foot board, King Bed Head & Foot board, Chandeliers, 4 Brand new 15" wheel covers, Bug Zapper, Mirrors, Pictures, Frames, Lamps, Shades, George Forman Tabletop Grill, Bread Maker, Sandwich Maker, 2 NuWave Infrared Ovens, Tons of Kids Toys & Games, Knick Knacks Galore, Brand new -10 Drawer File Cabinet, Brand new -2 Drawer File Cabinets.



**MEN'S MISSION:** You are making a difference with your donations!! You are invited to be part of our mission to help the children of Tanzania with food, uniforms, & the expansion to existing buildings. The collection cans will be at the doorways to SJC next Sunday, May 16.



**ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE:** The Lutheran Church of St. John in-the-Heights, 319 South Ave, will be holding their clothing drive & giveaway this June. They will be accepting

donations of CLEAN, gently used or new clothing items that will be offered for free. Clothing can be donated **now through June 11**, Mondays through Fridays. No clothing is to be left at the church doors. Please call Mary, 570-325-2294 or Shirley, 570-325-3536 to arrange drop off time. No household items will be accepted. The clothing giveaway will be Thursdays, June 17 & 24, 9am-3pm; Fridays, June 18 & 25, 9am-7pm; Saturdays, June 19 & 26, 9am-1pm. Masks must be worn, no exceptions, and adults only, they ask no children accompany.

**ST. JOSEPH ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY @ 6<sup>th</sup> & North St.** will be open Sat, May 15, and Wed., May 19. The Food Pantry will be closed Memorial Day weekend, Sat, May 29.



**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!**  
To all Mothers, Mothers-To-Be, and those who care for others with a Mothers love!

**WEEK AT A GLANCE EVENTS**

Tuesday, 5/11: Adoration, 9am-5:30pm  
Friday, 5/14: Flame of Love, 1pm - Brogan Room